The Speaker

The Liberal Review.

New Series, Vol. XIV., No. 357.] SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1906. [Price 6d.

- - FAMOUS - -

SHILLING GUIDE-BOOKS.

CLOTH BOUND, ROUND CORNERS.

Superbly Illustrated. Furnished with excellent Maps and Plans. Printed in clear Type, on good Paper.

**** Full Prospectus and Particulars post free on Application.*

ENGLAND AND WALES.

ALDEBURGH
BATH | BEXHILL
BIDEFORD
BLACKPOOL
BOGNOR
BOURNEMOUTH
BRIDLINGTON & FILEY
BRIGHTON & HOVE
BROADSTAIRS
BUXTON
CANTERBURY
CHANNEL ISLANDS
CLEVELAND, PORTISHEAD, &c.
CLIFTON, BRISTOL
CROMER
DARTMOOR
DAWLISH
DEAL
DOVER
DOVERCOURT
EASTBOURNE
ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT
EXETER
EXMOUTH
FALMOUTH
FELIXSTOWE
FOLKESTONE
HARROGATE
HASTINGS
HERNE BAY
ILFRACOMBE
ISLE OF MAN
ISLE OF WIGHT
LEAMINGTON
LITTLEHAMPTON
LIVERPOOL
LLANDRINDOD WELLS
LLANDUDNO
LONDON
LOWESTOFT
LYME REGIS
LYNTON & LYNMOUTH
LYTHAM
MARGATE
MATLOCK
MINEHEAD
NEWQUAY
NORTH WALES (Northern Section)
NORTH WALES (Southern Section)
NOTTINGHAM & SHERWOOD FOREST
PENZANCE
PLYMOUTH
PORTSMOUTH
RAMSGATE
SCARBOROUGH
SIDMOUTH
SKEGNESS
SOUTHSEA
SOUTHWOLD
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON
SUTTON-ON-SEA
SWANAGE
TEIGNMOUTH
TORQUAY
WESTON-SUPER-MARE
WEYMOUTH
WHITBY
WOODHALL SPA
WORTHING
WYE VALLEY
YARMOUTH & THE BROADS

SCOTLAND.

ABERDEEN
EDINBURGH
GLASGOW
INVERNESS
HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS
OBAN

IRELAND.

ANTRIM
BELFAST
CORK
DONEGAL HIGHLANDS
DUBLIN
GREENORE
KILLARNEY
LIMERICK
WATERFORD

THE CONTINENT.

PARIS
SWITZERLAND
BELGIUM AND THE ARDENNES (2s. 6d.)
HOLLAND (2s. 6d.)

WARD, LOCK & CO., Ltd, Salisbury Square, London, E.C.

CONTENTS.

PAGE

THE WEEK 395

LEADING ARTICLES :—
The Transvaal Constitution 398
A Great Bill 399
Mr. Birrell's Success 400

MIDDLE ARTICLES :—
The Poplar Poor Law Inquiry. By R. C. K. Ensor 401
Freethought, Ancient and Modern. By the Hon. Bertrand Russell 402
The Miracle of the Nativity : a Story of Mashonaland 403
German Novelists. By Zin. Vengerowa 404

MIDDLE ARTICLES (*continued*) :—
Pergolas and Frameworks for Climbing Plants 406
PERSONS AND POLITICS. By H. W. Massingham 407
CORRESPONDENCE 408
The Lynching of Negroes in America (David Macrae); Drill and Rifle Shooting at Clifton and Rugby (C. E. M. Hawkesworth); The Transvaal Constitution (F. W. Pethick Lawrence).
LITERATURE :—
Causerie of the Week : Russian Literature. By Edward Garnett 410

LITERATURE (*continued*) :—
Recollections of William O'Brien ... 412
Mr. John Davidson and Rhyme 413
Three Books on Macedonia 414
China Shepherdesses 415
A Queen of Sorrows 416
Lincoln 417
Studies in Roman History 417
Letters in War Time 418
Vicomte de Bragelonne 418
Maxims of La Rochefoucauld 418
Fiction 419

NOTES ON TRADE AND FINANCE 420

BOOKS OF THE WEEK ..... iv.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY QUARTERLY.

AUGUST.

CONTENTS.

I. THE POWERS OF DARKNESS. By H. W. MASSINGHAM.
II. THE REPORT OF THE RITUAL COMMISSION—
1. By CHANCELLOR J. J. LIAS, M.A. 2. By W. GUY JOHNSON.
III. SOUTH AFRICA AND THE CHINESE LABOUR QUESTION. By MAJOR SEELY, M.P.
IV. PRACTICAL TEMPERANCE REFORM. By Sir T. P. WHITTAKER, M.P.
V. THE EDUCATION BILL. By Sir GEORGE W. KEKEWICH, M.P.
VI. THE DECLARATION ON BIBLICAL CRITICISM AND SOME RECENT DISCUSSIONS OF CLERICAL SUBSCRIPTION. By F. L. POGSON, M.A.
VII. ROBERT SCHUMANN. By HERBERT ANTCLIFFE.
VIII. SOME POETS ON POETRY. By C. K. POOLER, D.Litt.
IX. REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES.

London: SIMPKIN, MARSHALL, HAMILTON, KENT & CO.
PRICE: TWO SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE NET.
Ten and Sixpence post free for one year from
THE MANAGER, 40, ST. ANDREW'S HILL, LONDON, E.C.

The Speaker

is on sale at Messrs. Smith's, Wyman's, & Willing's Bookstalls, and at all Newsagents.

Price 6d. *Postage (U.K.) ½d.*

Suction Gas Power.

80% REDUCTION OF YOUR GAS ENGINE GAS BILL.

TANGYES Ltd., BIRMINGHAM.

ENGLAND'S BEST VALUE!

'BONGOLA' TEA

HAS NO EQUAL.

DELICIOUS COFFEE

RED WHITE & BLUE

For Breakfast & after Dinner. In making, use less quantity, it being so much stronger than ordinary COFFEE.

A PAPER FOR FRIENDS ABROAD.

Writing from Saranac Lake, New York, U.S.A., a reader says:

"I have just finished your issue of June 30th, and I want to say 'Thanks' for it. My father sends it me each week, and I thought it would pleasure you to know how much it is appreciated, though it makes me very homesick at times.

"This is a health resort full of lungers from all parts, and the 'Saturday Westminster' goes quite a round as soon as I get through with it. The Americans—quite a good class up here—are amazed at the price considering the quality, and at the merit of the whole production."

The subscription rate for abroad is 8s. 8d. a year, post free. United Kingdom, 6s. 6d. Shorter periods at proportionate rates.

THE SATURDAY WESTMINSTER

TUDOR HOUSE, TUDOR ST., LONDON, E.C.

BORD'S PIANOS Illustrated Lists of the "BORD" Pianos will be sent free, showing prices and rates of hire of the various Models, on the THREE YEARS' SYSTEM, from 14s. 6d. per month. Second-hand, from 10s. 6d. per month.

BECHSTEIN PIANOS The "BECHSTEIN" Pianos may also be had on the same system, at advantageous prices and terms.

LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

CHAS. STILES & CO., 74 and 76, Southampton Row, LONDON, W.C.

PIANOS EXCHANGED.

EDUCATIONAL NOTICES, &c.

THE HINDHEAD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Principal: Miss J. F. GRUNER, Certificated Student of Girton College, late Second Mistress, Dulwich High School, G.P.D.S.Co. Education thoroughly modern; physical training and outdoor games. Great attention is paid to healthful conditions of life. The boarding-house stands at an elevation of 800 ft. — For prospectus address to BRACKENHURST, HINDHEAD, HASLEMERE, R.S.O.

THE LEYS SCHOOL,
CAMBRIDGE.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION at end of every term. Preparatory School at Hitchin recognised by the Governors. Enquiries should be addressed to the BURSAR.

H.M.S. "CONWAY."—SCHOOL SHIP.

MOORED IN THE MERSEY.

Designed to give a sound General and Technical Education to boys desirous of entering the Mercantile Marine or other professions. Annual nominations to R.N. College, Dartmouth. Special attention paid to boys entering for Naval Cadetships. Two years on the "Conway" counts for apprenticeship as one year's sea service. Carpenter's and Engine-fitter's Shops, etc. Extensive Playing Fields on shore. For particulars apply to the Commander,
Lieut. H. W. BROADBENT, R.N.R.,
School Ship "Conway," Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

INFORMATION AND ADVICE AS TO SCHOOLS.

THE SCHOLASTIC, CLERICAL, AND MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, LTD. (a body of Oxford and Cambridge graduates), gives advice and assistance without charge to Parents and Guardians in the selection of schools (for GIRLS AND BOYS) at home or abroad, and as to Tutors (ARMY, NAVY, UNIVERSITY, &c.). A statement of the requirements should be sent to the Manager,
R. J. BEEVOR, M.A., 22, Craven Street, Trafalgar Square, W.C.
Telegrams: "TRIFORM, LONDON." Telephone No.: 1854 GERRARD.

Prudential Assurance Company,
LIMITED,
HOLBORN BARS, LONDON, E.C.

INVESTED FUNDS - - £60,000,000.

BIRKBECK BANK
ESTABLISHED 1851.

2½ per cent. INTEREST
allowed on Deposit Accounts Repayable on Demand.

2 per cent. INTEREST
allowed on Current Accounts on minimum monthly balances when not drawn below £100.
Advances made to Customers, and all General Banking Business transacted.
Apply, C. F. RAVENSCROFT, Secretary,
SOUTHAMPTON BUILDINGS, HIGH HOLBORN, W.C.

NOTICE.

THE SPEAKER is published weekly. Applications for copies and Subscriptions should be sent to THE SPEAKER Office, 14, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION (HOME), INCLUDING POSTAGE, 28s. PER ANNUM.

Entered as second-class matter at the New York, N.Y., Post Office.

Cheques should be made payable to THE SPEAKER Publishing Co., Ltd., and crossed "National Provincial Bank."

EDITORIAL COMMUNICATIONS should be addressed to "THE EDITOR," and ADVERTISEMENTS to "THE MANAGER."

The Editor cannot hold himself responsible for the loss or miscarriage of unsolicited manuscripts submitted to him, though he will make every effort to return such safely, if a stamped and addressed envelope is sent with them.

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS.

	Full Page.	½ Page.	¼ Page.	Narrow. column ¼ Page.
Front cover, or first page facing matter.....	£10 0 0	£5 0 0	£2 10 0	£3 6 8
Back cover, or last page facing matter.....	9 0 0	4 10 0	2 5 0	3 0 0
Other pages	8 0 0	4 0 0	2 0 0	2 13 4

Smaller spaces—10s. per inch, broad column.
6s. 8d. „ narrow „
1s. per line, broad „
8d. „ narrow „

BOOKSELLERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

JUST PUBLISHED.

THE INTERNATIONAL BOOK CIRCULAR, No. 142,
CONTAINING A CLASSIFIED LIST OF
New and Numerous Valuable SECOND-HAND BOOKS.
SPECIMEN GRATIS.
WILLIAMS AND NORGATE, Book Importers,
14, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, W.C.

A. LIONEL ISAACS, 5, Pall Mall, S.W. (CARLTON HOTEL BUILDING).

Choice Books.
Rare Autographs and MSS.
Pictures and Prints.

CATALOGUES ISSUED. TELEPHONE: 1784 CENTRAL.

BOOKS, Ancient and Modern, Bought, Sold and Exchanged.

THOMAS THORP, 100, St. Martin's Lane, W.C.
[And at READING].
MONTHLY CATALOGUES FREE.

Mr. Thorp has incorporated the business in Review Books carried on for many years by Mrs. Hindley at Booksellers' Row, and at the above address.

TOURS.

BOOTH LINE
TOURS TO PORTUGAL AND MADEIRA.
R.M.S. "JEROME," 3,056 tons,
from Liverpool, 8th; London, 11th August.
16 days **£12,** 25 days **£16** to **£20.**

First-class throughout, including all necessary travelling and hotel expenses. Knowledge of language unnecessary. Sailings every 10 days.

Apply, 8, ADELPHI TERRACE, STRAND, LONDON, or 30, JAMES STREET, LIVERPOOL.

NORWAY, SWEDEN, and RUSSIA.

PLEASURE TOURS by the
WILSON LINE
From HULL and LONDON.
6 to 31 days—£6 10s. and upwards.
Illustrated Handbook gratis on application to T. WILSON, SONS & CO., Ltd., HULL and GRIMSBY UNITED SHIPPING CO., Ltd., 108, Fenchurch Street E.C.; T. COOK & SON, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

HOTELS AND HYDROS.

AT BOURNEMOUTH HYDRO.
IDEAL RESIDENCE.
Sun Lounge. Every form of Bath.

BRIGHTON.
THE HÔTEL METROPOLE. E. Richard, Manager

BRIGHTON.
ROYAL YORK HOTEL. H. J. Preston.

BUXTON.
ST. ANN'S HOTEL. First Hotel

LIVERPOOL.
COMPTON HOTEL, Church Street. Wm. Russell.
Telegrams: "Compton." Telephones: 58 and 8058.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE QUEEN, Bath Road. Miss Tye.
Central. Board and Residence, 35/6 to 3 guineas weekly.

MALVERN.
HARDWICKE PRIVATE HOTEL.
Proprietor and Manager—J. Wilson.

WHITBY.
ROYAL HOTEL. Henry Walker.

WHITBY.
WEST CLIFF PRIVATE HOTEL. Mrs. T. Newbitt.

LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY LIMITED.

Registered under "The Companies Acts." Established in 1836.

CAPITAL £8,000,000, in 100,000 SHARES OF £80 EACH.

REPORT adopted at the HALF-YEARLY ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING, the 2nd August, 1906.

WILLIAM GAIR RATHBONE, Esq., in the Chair.

THE Directors, in submitting to the Shareholders the Balance-sheet for the half year ending 30th June last, have to report that, after paying interest to Customers and all charges, making provision for bad and doubtful debts, and allowing £28,715 0s. 8d. for rebate on bills not due, the net profits amount to £294,047 8s. 7d. From this sum have been deducted £25,000 transferred to premises account and £50,000 carried to Reserve Fund (raising it to £1,500,000), leaving £219,047 8s. 7d. which, with £78,317 14s. 3d. balance brought forward from last account, leaves available the sum of £297,365 2s. 10d.

The Directors have declared a Dividend for the half year of 10 per cent., which will require £200,000, leaving the sum of £97,365 2s. 10d. to be carried to the Profit and Loss New Account.

The Dividend, £2 per Share, free of Income Tax, will be payable at the Head Office, or at any of the Branches, on or after Monday, 13th August.

BALANCE-SHEET

Of the London and County Banking Company Limited, 30th June, 1906.

Dr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Capital subscribed £8,000,000, Paid up		2,000,000 0 0
Reserve Fund		1,500,000 0 0
Due by the Bank on Current, Deposit, and other Accounts, including provision for Contingencies		43,497,899 17 9
Liabilities on Acceptances covered by Cash, or Securities or Bankers' Guarantees		1,780,359 13 9
Rebate on Bills not due carried to next Account		28,715 0 8
Net Profit for the Half Year, after making provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts	294,047 8 7	
Transferred to Premises Account	25,000 0 0	
	269,047 8 7	
Carried to Reserve Fund	50,000 0 0	
	219,047 8 7	
Profit and Loss Balance brought from last Account	78,317 14 3	
		297,365 2 10
		£49,104,339 15 0

Cr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Cash at the Head Office and Branches, and with Bank of England	7,580,818 17 7	
Loans at Call and at Short Notice	2,992,668 17 3	
		10,573,487 14 10
Investments, viz:— Consols registered and in Certificates (at 85), New 2½ per Cents., and National War Loan (£6,894,491 7s. 11d., of which £343,000 0s. 0d. Consols is lodged for Public Accounts); Canada 4 per Cent. Bonds, and Egyptian 3 per Cent. Bonds, Guaranteed by the British Government	6,657,617 17 9	
India Government Stock and India Government Guaranteed Railway Stocks and Debentures	986,278 13 9	
Metropolitan and other Corporation Stocks, Debenture Bonds, English Railway Debenture Stock and Colonial Bonds	1,694,302 18 11	
Other Securities	19,411 17 9	
		9,357,611 8 2
Discounted Bills Current	7,423,074 18 8	
Advances to Customers at the Head Office and Branches	19,157,796 11 6	
		26,580,871 10 2
Liabilities of Customers for Drafts accepted by the Bank (as per Contra)		1,780,359 13 9
Bank Premises in London and Country, with Fixtures and Fittings	837,009 8 1	
Less amount transferred from Profit and Loss	25,000 0 0	
		812,009 8 1
		£49,104,339 15 0

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.
To Interest paid to Customers	166,990 14 8
Salaries and all other Expenses at Head Office and Branches, including Income Tax on Profits and Salaries, Auditors' and Directors' Remuneration	333,475 14 5
Transferred to the Credit of Premises Account	25,000 0 0
Carried to Reserve Fund	50,000 0 0
Rebate on Bills not due, carried to New Account	28,715 0 8
Dividend 10 per cent. for the Half Year £200,000 0 0	
Balance carried forward 97,365 2 10	
	297,365 2 10
	£901,546 12 7

	£ s. d.
By Balance brought forward from last Account	78,317 14 3
Gross Profit for the Half Year, after making Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts, and including Rebate £32,797 14s. 4d. brought from 31st December last	823,228 18 4
	£901,546 12 7

Examined and audited by us,

(Signed) GEORGE J. GOSCHEN, OSWALD MAGNIAC, W. G. RATHBONE, } *Audit Committee of Directors.*

G. J. RODOLPH, *Head Office Manager.*

W. G. GRIBBLE, *Country Manager.*

T. J. CARPENTER, *Chief Accountant.*

London and County Banking Company Limited, 13th July, 1906.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1900, we certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with, and we report that we have examined the Balance-sheet and Profit and Loss Account, dated the 30th June, 1906, have verified the Cash-Balance at the Bank of England, the Stocks there registered, and the other investments of the Bank. We have also examined the several Books and Vouchers and certified Returns showing the Cash-Balances, Bills and other Amounts set forth, the whole of which are correctly stated; and in our opinion the said Balance-sheet and Profit and Loss Account are properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Company's affairs as shown by the books of the Company.

(Signed) HY. GRANT, THOS. HORWOOD, STUART PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE, } *Auditors.*

London and County Banking Company Limited, 19th July, 1906.

LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DIVIDEND on the Capital of the Company at the rate of 10 per cent. for the Half Year ending 30th June, 1906, will be PAYABLE to the Shareholders either at the Head Office, 21, Lombard Street, or at any of the Company's Branches, on or after Monday, the 13th instant.

By order of the Board,

21, LOMBARD STREET, *3rd August*, 1906. F. J. BARTHORPE, *Secretary.*

Printed for the Proprietors by THE ARGUS PRINTING COMPANY, LIMITED, Temple Avenue, London, E.C., and Published by THE SPEAKER PUBLISHING COMPANY LIMITED, at the Offices, 14, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C. Registered at the General Post Office as a Newspaper.—SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1906.